

## **Remarks**

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed February 20, 2008.

### **I. Summary of Objections and Rejections**

The Office Action rejected claims 6-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite.

The Office Action rejected claims 6-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as having insufficient antecedent basis.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(c) as anticipated by Doolittle et al. (US 20020194377).

### **II. Summary of Applicants' Response**

The present Reply amends claims 6 and 10, leaving for the Examiner's present consideration claims 1-10. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested.

### **III. Response to 35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections to Claims 6-10**

The claims were amended to better define embodiments of Applicants' invention.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as amended even more fully meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112 and are not indefinite.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as amended even more fully meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112 and do not suffer from insufficient antecedent basis.

IV. Response to 35 U.S.C. § 102(c) Rejections to Claims 1-10

The claims were amended to better define embodiments of Applicants' invention.

Claim 1

Claim 1 states:

A computer program product for execution by a server computer for implementing a two-phase commit protocol, comprising:

computer code for dispatching a first two-phase commit protocol operation from a first thread to a second thread, the first two-phase commit protocol operation associated with a first resource and a first phase of two-phase commit protocol;

computer code for processing a second two-phase commit protocol operation by the first thread, the second two-phase commit protocol operation associated with a second resource and the first phase of two-phase commit protocol; and

computer code for determining the first two-phase commit protocol operation is complete.

The Office Action cited Doolittle as disclosing the features of Claim 1. Doolittle does not mention the two-phase commit protocol. The features of Claim 1 are therefore not disclosed by Doolittle.

Claim 1 requires “computer code for dispatching a first two-phase commit protocol operation from a first thread to a second thread, the first two-phase commit protocol operation associated with a first resource and a first phase of two-phase commit protocol.” The Office Action argued that figures 3A and 3B, and paragraphs 53-54, 65, and 78 disclosed these features of Claim 1. The cited figures and paragraphs do not disclose the two-phase commit protocol. Therefore, Claim 1 is not anticipated by Doolittle.

Applicants respectfully submit that the embodiment as defined in Independent Claim 1 is neither anticipated by nor obvious in view of Doolittle. Applicants respectfully request that the 35 U.S.C. § 102(c) rejection to claim 1 be withdrawn.

#### Dependent Claims

Dependent Claims 2-5 depend from Claim 1. For at least the reasons discussed above with regard to Claim 1, dependent Claims 2-5 are also patentable. Dependent claims 2-5 add their own features which render them patentable in their own right. Independent Claim 6 and dependent Claims 7-10 are also patentable for the reasons above. Independent Claim 6 and dependent claims 7-10 add their own features which render them patentable in their own right.

#### V. Conclusion

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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